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Fly Bys

Motorcycle Safety

All motorcycle riders must attend a formal briefing on motorcycle safety 10 a.m. Monday at the base theater.

The briefing targets the riders' attitude, recognition of their riding limitations, and the local driving hazards. Brig. Gen. Philip Breedlove is making the opening comments.

Individual units are responsible for conducting make-up briefings for riders unable to attend the formal briefing.

Each squadron is responsible for ensuring assigned personnel comply with this U.S. Air Forces in Europe directive.

Senior NCO workshop

NCOs selected for promotion are invited to sign up for the Senior NCO workshop July 14 to 16, organized by the Aviano Top 3.

See Page 14 for the promotion list. Call Master Sgt. Dave Poulin at Ext. 4480 for more information.

Wing welcomes new commander

Brig. Gen. Philip Breedlove becomes new leader of 31st Fighter Wing

By Airman Rebecca Maurer

31st Fighter Wing

Public Affairs staffwriter

Aviano Airmen and families packed Hangar One June 18 to bid farewell to their former leader and welcome in a new one.

Brig. Gen. Mike Worden relinquished command of the 31st Fighter Wing to Brig. Gen. Philip Breedlove during a change of command ceremony here.

Lt. Gen. Glen "Wally" Moorhead III, 16th Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony.

"The ceremony was very special to the 31st Fighter Wing," said Capt. Bryony Terrell, 31st Services Squadron combat support flight commander and event organizer. "It was General Worden's last opportunity to address the wing as commander before turning over the reigns."

General Worden used his farewell speech to thank the



Airman Scherrie Gates

Staff Sgt. Aaron Hudson, a 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, removed Brig. Gen. Mike Worden's name tag from the flagship F-16 Viper to reveal the name of the 31st Fighter Wing's new commander, Brig. Gen. Philip M. Breedlove during the change of command ceremony here June 18.

Airmen under his command.

"Words are inadequate in expressing how proud I am of your accomplishments, and how humbled I am to have been considered worthy of leading you," he said.

General Worden was selected for reassignment as

Director of Operational Plans and Joint Matters for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C. at the Pentagon.

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101 Critical Days of Summer: As the middle of summer approaches, Aviano residents should make safety their number one priority.



Command surpasses goals through Combat, Special Interest Programs

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong

U.S. Air Forces in Europe
commander

We all naturally want to do well and, in our case, we set the bar high and the U.S. Air Forces in Europe team not only reached our goals, but exceeded them!

In the military, our business demands excellence and requires dedicated professionals who understand that anything

less will cost people their lives. What makes our organization successful is not just all of the hard work, but our ability to work hard together toward a common purpose — our mission.

The 14 Combat and Special Interest Programs instituted within the command are intended to increase our readiness, improve our mission effectiveness and help take care of our people. They help us translate our vision,

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Chief's Sight Picture

Adapting the AEF - Longer deployments, more forces

By. Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

For the past 12 years, our Air Force has adapted to the demands of a changing world.

Beginning in the early 1990s, we developed composite wings, expeditionary organizations and crisis-response packages that allowed us to rapidly deliver combat capability to Combatant Commanders.

In 1998, we formalized the structure into 10 Air Expeditionary Force packages.

These responsive air and space capabilities allow us to present forces in a consistent manner and conduct military operations across the spectrum of conflict.

Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time. We have a new rotational requirement for nearly 20,000 Airmen — about three times the demand prior to September 11, 2001.

Further, the Air Force Component Commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field. To adapt to this new set of circumstances, I've directed a change to the AEF rotational cycle and have asked our Major Commands to expand the pool of deployable Airmen in each AEF.

Beginning with AEF Cycle 5 in September 2004, the baseline deployment will be 120 days vice 90, and the AEF cycle will change from a 15-month rotational cycle to a 20-month cycle.

We will continue to expect that each Airman will deploy only once during each cycle, although some stressed specialties will deploy longer, and in greater frequency, until manpower levels are adjusted or the theater requirements diminish.

For those already deployed in AEFs 7/8 (Mar - May) and those deploying in AEF 9/10 (Jun - Aug), it is our intent to stick to our 90-day deployment cycle. For those identified to deploy in AEF 1/2 (September and November), you should prepare to be gone a minimum of four months.

This evolution of the AEF is not a temporary adjustment. More appropriately, it is recognition of new demands around the world for air and space power.

It is important to remember several fundamental principles regarding our AEF concept of operations. First, we are not changing the basic composition of each AEF; each will

continue to provide about 5 AEWs and 6 AEGs of capability during each vulnerability period. Our low density/high demand units will continue to follow DoD-approved deployment guidelines.

Finally, Air Force global mobility forces will continue to follow our AEF Presence Policy, with mobility aviation units postured in multiple AEFs to support the

USTRANSCOM mission and other Combatant Commander needs.

The 20-month cycle will continue to provide commanders and Airmen the ability to plan ahead, allowing a sense of predictability while providing greater continuity to the in-theater commander.

In addition to extending tour lengths, it is my intent to expand our pool of deployable Airmen from our current level of about 272,000.

I have asked all of our major commands to aggressively review

the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured in the Air Force Worldwide UTC System and our AEF libraries.

The MAJCOMs will posture the maximum number of manpower authorizations into standard UTCs, and if required, we will develop new ones to provide additional expeditionary capabilities.

Residual authorizations will be postured into associated UTCs and will be coded to support AEF requirements across the range of military operations.

Let me be perfectly clear — in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know his/her place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in CONUS via reachback, or employed at home station. If you are wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you are a part of the AEF.

We are at war today, and will remain engaged around the globe against a brutal and resilient enemy. Every Airman — Active, Guard, Reserve, and Civilian — must be focused on our national commitment to the Global War on Terrorism.

Our job is to deploy and deal with terrorists wherever they are in the world so we never again have to deal with them on our own soil. You will be the difference between our success and failure in this vital cause.

Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism, and service to our nation.



Air Force Chief of Staff
Gen. John P. Jumper

Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

CEREMONY, from Page 1

General Breedlove now commands about 4,000 military and 1,000 civilian personnel permanently assigned to Aviano's 31st Fighter Wing, the only major U.S. Air Force presence in Italy.

"These are not easy times," said General Breedlove in a speech at the ceremony.

"You are the team that makes it happen, no matter which group you come from or what uniform combination you wear. You are key to our mission," he said.

Before arriving at Aviano, General Breedlove commanded the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. - the

largest fighter wing in the Air Force.

Throughout his career, General

"These are not easy times. You are the team that makes it happen ... you are the key to our mission."

- Brig. Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, 31st Fighter Wing commander

Breedlove was assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions and completed six overseas tours, including two remote tours.

He commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group and two

fighter wings, and completed three staff tours.

The general holds two master's degrees, one in aeronautical technology and one in national security studies. He is also a command pilot with more than 3,270 flying hours, primarily in the F-16.

Brig. Gen. Philip M. Breedlove looks out into the crowd as Brig. Gen. Mike Worden shakes his hand during the change of command ceremony here June 18. General Breedlove assumed command of the 31st Fighter Wing from General Worden.



Senior Airman Lakisha Coley

Change of command

A military tradition

The change of command ceremony is deeply rooted in military tradition.

According to some sources, aspects of today's changes of command date back to the Roman Legions when new commanders received the baton of command.

Key to the change of command ceremony is an organization's standard, either a guidon in the case of a squadron or a flag at group-level or higher. Affixed to this standard are the campaign and award streamers earned by the organization throughout its existence.

In history, the organization's standard served as an easily recognized marker signifying the presence of an organization and its commander.

Today, the standard serves as a unifying symbol for members of an organization. In the change of command ceremony, passing the standard symbolizes the transfer of command responsibility.

Organizations all over the world, military and civilian, utilize the same elements of this time-honored tradition. It is a tradition marked by its simplicity and august significance. (Information contributed by Tech. Sgt. Niklaas Waller, 31st Fighter Wing historian)

Airmen against Drunk Driving: AADD is for anyone whose plan has fallen through. Don't drink and drive, call 0434-66-5938.



Senior Airman Priscilla Robinson

It's a handyman's heaven as two Italian vendors show off their wares - in this case, power drills - at the first Aviano Vendor Fair June 17 in Area D. Local businesses gathered to present their products and services for Aviano community members to see.

Vendor fair showcases local businesses

Booths, displays give visitors view of products, services

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs
staffwriter

More than 100 local vendors gathered in Area D June 17 to show off their wares and services.

The base's first vendor fair was more than a vendor showcase, it allowed visitors to make contacts and find what they could buy locally rather than purchasing from the U.S., said 2nd Lt. Jennifer Houlihan, vendor fair project manager.

"We have a certain number of vendors we always use and we really wanted to expand our options," she said.

The fair showed everything from power tools to cleaning equipment, and more. There were seminars for participants to learn how the base and it's

contracting system works.

"We really wanted to do something [the vendors] haven't done with the base before," Lieutenant Houlihan said. "We want them to try a new way of working with the base."

The fair was open to anyone who had any kind of service or good to offer. Vendors came from Pordenone, Venice, Trieste and much further.

"We had a great turnout," said Capt. Rod Cameron, 31st Contracting Squadron.

"There was a lot of base participation. A lot of people came out and saw what the vendors had on display," he said.

Since the fair is going to be held annually, Captain Cameron said he hopes each year will garner more participation and interest.

RESCON CORNER

	DUIs	MVAIs*
Week	0	0
28 days	0	4
Year	9	18

41: Days the 31st Fighter Wing goes without a DUI

568: Days the 31st Mission Support Squadron goes with no DUIs

RESCON Alpha

We've made it to 40 days without a DUI and 22 days without a MVA/I. Way to go Team Aviano - Keep it up!

Over the past 28 days we've had no DUIs and two MVA/Is and we can go to RESCON Alpha for the first time since January. However we don't want to get complacent and let down our guard.

Remember to apply operational risk management to all your activities on and off duty and continue to "play it SMART!"

- Brig. Gen. Philip Breedlove

*MVAI: Major Vehicle Accidents with Injuries

Airmen can still receive long-term care insurance

Active-duty Airmen, some reservists, appropriated-fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members can still apply for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

The program is a benefit authorized by Congress to help federal employees defray the costs of in-home care, nursing-home care, or assisted-living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic health conditions.

Most people believe they do not need long-term care insurance because they have health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, officials said.

However, in most cases, only skilled medical services are covered and usually only for a limited time.

Health plans usually do not cover ongoing chronic care such as extended stays in assisted-living facilities or continued need for a home health aid. Disability income insurance does not pay for long-term care.

"When you need long-term care services, securing the best type and quality of care can seem daunting," said Kay Cole James, office of personnel management director at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"That's why the care coordination services provided by the federally sponsored

(program) are so valuable," she said.

Insurance program enrollees have access to care-coordination services at no additional charge, she said.

Enrollment is not tied to an open season, and employees may enroll at any time under one of two application processes: Full underwriting application, which most employees will use, or abbreviated underwriting application, which is limited to use by:

- New spouses of current employees within 60 days of marriage.

- Newly hired and rehired employees within 60 days of hiring.

- Temporary employees converting to permanent appointments within 60 days of conversion or new qualifying appointment.

- Employees returning from a nonpay status (including activated reservists) within 60 days of returning to duty, as long as they were in a nonpay status for more than three months of the initial open

season held July 1 through Dec. 31, 2002.

If these employees do not enroll during the 60-day window, they can also apply through the full underwriting process.

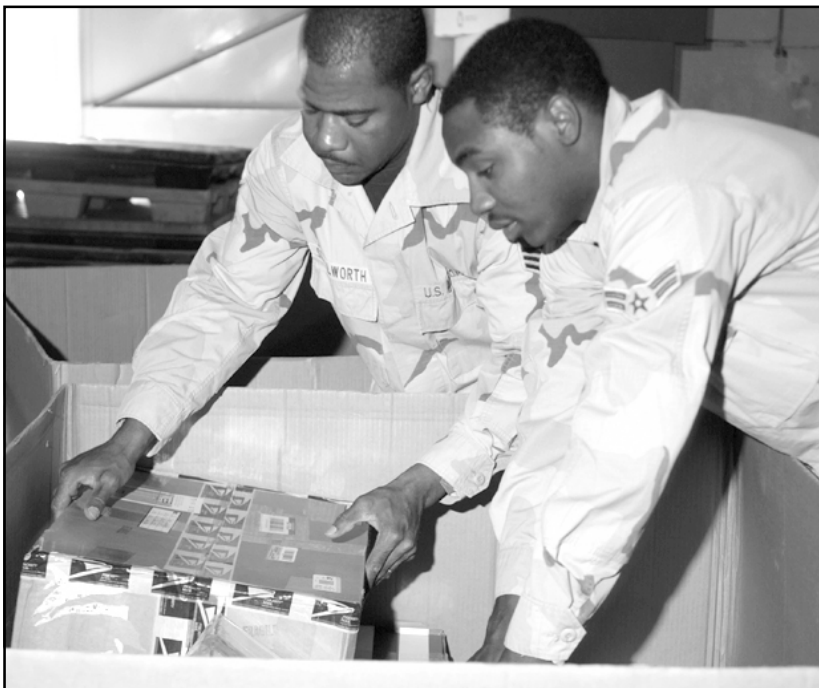
For more information on the insurance program and how to enroll, visit www.ltcfeds.com (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Long term care is needed when a person can no longer perform everyday tasks for himself. About 40 percent of people receiving the care are between the ages of 18 and 64, and about 60 percent of adults 65 years and older will eventually need long-term care.

Aviano Community Theatre: ACT is looking for members. For more information visit or call the Aviano community Center at Ext. 5479

Mail call

L to R: Staff Sgt. Sean Stallworth and Airman 1st Class Darryl Johnson, both from the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, sort through mail at Tallil Air Base's Post Office in Iraq. Airman Johnson is deployed there from Aviano, where he is a member of the 31st Communications Squadron.



Airman 1st Class Desiree Palacios

Sortie Board

	Hours	Sorties
31st FW		
Goal	680.0	459
Ahead or Behind	302.9	0
510th FS		
Goal	484.4	335
Ahead or Behind	149.8	60
555th FS		
Goal	195.6	124
Ahead or Behind	153.1	-60

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mission and goals into concrete results and institutionalize our higher standards of excellence.

With this in mind, we developed and implemented a measurement system that covers a wide spectrum of important functions within our organization.

Each month we review our CSIP metrics and some 23 other quality indicators, covering everything from how quickly patients are attended to at our medical facilities to how many aircraft assigned to our wings are ready to fly at any given time. The quality indicators identify strengths and weaknesses and provide a baseline to measure improvement. This system provides valuable insight into the health of the organization and our progress toward stated goals.

We can be incredibly proud of USAFE's accomplishments since program inception. Comparing the April 2004 results to January, USAFE has come a long way in a short time.

We've improved in 50 out of 74 metrics tracked. And, of the 24 remaining metrics, most changed marginally and still met the USAFE goal.

The examples highlighted here are truly only a peek into the overall success of the programs in total. Results clearly indicate our organization is focused and energized on key mission enablers: readiness, development, services and quality of life.

Readiness - Combat Flightline puts maintenance experience back on the flightline where it belongs by reducing the number of people working outside of their core duties. This combat program has already returned 50 experienced Airmen back to maintenance production. And, there's more behind this program such as aircraft appearance and Combat Crew Challenge competitions which ensure our fleet reflects the expertise and professionalism of our crews.

We've held three no-notice inspections with a 100 percent pass rate so far - the results prove that we're ready.

Improving the fitness of our people to meet the demands of our combat culture is the focus of Combat Fitness. One-stop shopping at the fitness center for diet management, classes on practicing injury prevention, smoking cessation and physical therapy are but a few of the program's initiatives. Currently, out of the Airmen tested at USAFE bases, 88 percent meet or exceed the new Air Force fitness standards, well above the AF goal of 75 percent.

The nation needs our leadership more than ever before and it is the inherent responsibility of Air Force leaders to mentor our future leaders. Project Connect is designed to provide a forum for senior officer mentors to counsel and enhance the individual professional development of junior officer protégés on a one-on-one basis.

The program has two moving parts: our "Flag Talks" where General officers, prominent senior leaders and corporation chief executives visit our bases sharing their perspective on what it takes to lead today, tomorrow and into the future; and "Bright Horizons" where more than 160 of our USAFE company grade officers will visit headquarters annually to shadow our major command senior leaders.

Aligning with Air Force policy for the Mission Driven Mentoring web-based program,

USAFE is leading the way with almost 300 mentors registered. While our initial plan focuses on our officer corps, we expect to include our enlisted and civilian force by Fall 2004.

Through Combat Nighthawk sorties, our CGOs and senior NCOs are learning about unfamiliar elements of Air Force operations and gaining valuable experience by representing their wing commanders after duty hours.

If we consider the overall goal of the program of leadership development and career-broadening and compare it to comments received by those who participated on sorties, it appears we are heading down the right track. Most comments reflect that people are getting a better understanding of functions out of their specialties.

Through Project SMART (Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk, and Threats) we embedded a safety culture that helped us manage our awareness of risk, actively combat the threats we face, and act smartly when we see something that needs to be fixed. The program has elevated safety awareness appreciably throughout USAFE with emphasis on safety programs and work-related and personal mishap prevention. Bases are sharing ideas and communicating through a focused "Monthly Safety Topics" initiative.

Combat Proud changed the way we look at things and strengthened our commitment to improve our command's appearance. Like many successful corporations, USAFE's approach is to improve our ethos/surroundings / facilities / environment / aesthetics / efficiency by ensuring our people are proud of the areas where they live and work. Dramatic improvements in base appearance are evident across the command. The base appearance scoring model goal is 85 percent overall improvements per quarter - the goal has been met or exceeded by every base!

Services - Customer service in USAFE wasn't bad or in need of repair. The question became do we want to improve upon how well we are taking care of our customers? You bet!!

Armed with a cutting edge five-day course curriculum, our Customer College customer-service professionals teach "excellence in service" to the rest of our front-line customer service providers. Exceeding our customer's expectations is a team effort and we plan to keep raising the bar. So far, more than 1,900 people have been trained.

With the Combat Intro / Exit program, we looked for innovative ways to facilitate inprocessing to a new duty location making the entire process as efficient as possible. We reduced the number of inprocessing stops to three at all USAFE bases - down from as many as 15 stops at some locations.

With our use of Virtual Outprocessing, we reduced the number of required outprocessing stops to an average of five per base which ensures our customers outprocess from USAFE as efficiently as we got them on board.

These changes not only minimize some of the stress associated with permanent changes of station, but also maximize the amount of time a member can focus on his primary job.

Combat Education initiatives are removing barriers to education throughout USAFE. Nearly 50 percent of all college courses are now taught during non-standard times and almost

15 percent of all classes are offered outside traditional classroom locations. The result - an 11 percent increase in enrollments since October 2003.

Quality of life - After a command-wide survey was accomplished to decide what you wanted, our libraries stocked reading materials you desired as well as CDs and DVDs, increased their number of programs and improved their services through Project Wizard. The 13 libraries in the command are exceeding the Air Force standard of eight programs a year by two programs and the utilization rates for our books and computers are exceeding our goals. We have more than 2,500 registered volunteers with Hidden Heroes who logged approximately 14,000 hours of service. Since we've started there has been a 30 percent increase in volunteer opportunities and volunteer hours served.

Combat Care is about taking care of our families when the active duty member is deployed. While units do a great job, we want to make sure we're covering all fronts, and ensuring families left behind know they are a part of our team too! The standardization of the Key Spouses program has enhanced the information flow to our families as well as heightened awareness of resource availability. Now the command is on its way to developing a standardized approach to reintegrating airmen and families.

Project CHEER (Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm, and Recreation) provided 455 high-energy events serving more than 46,000 single and unaccompanied Airmen (enlisted and officer) throughout the command during the holiday season. Bases collaborated and shared ideas for events and activities - some of the favorites included showcases by the USAFE band, basketball tournaments, movie- and bowl-a-thons, and the Spring Fling in conjunction with safety days.

Our chaplains initiated more than 67 programs under Combat Touch, including 13 new flightline / work center offices or prayer spaces, and 2 coffee houses to reach the troops and increase personal well-being and energize individual spirituality.

Although not a formal CSIP, the Power Plant Project is an initiative designed by Airmen, for Airmen. The Airmen of the 52nd Fighter Wing got it right! They named their own unique place on base the "Brick House" which includes game systems, an Internet Café, a myriad of hall games, projection TVs, sound and night club lighting systems and lots of finger foods.

We wanted to duplicate this initiative throughout the command because the concept was so fresh and exciting. Six months since the first meeting, Project Power Plant is now cruising at 140 knots at Aviano, Lakenheath, Mildenhall, Lajes, and Incirlik Air Bases with our Airmen at the helm establishing the facility activities and programs they want.

All of our programs are a way of reaching out to our people and are another mechanism for feedback. Our great USAFE team embraced the changes and transformed, leading to new processes, cross-talk among functional areas and greater sharing of best practices.

Thanks to all of you who continue to demonstrate that we are focused on getting the USAFE mission accomplished with courage, teamwork and a commitment to excellence.

Finance closure

The 31st Mission Support Squadron finance office closes today for an official function. For emergencies, call Master Sgt. Andrew Alspaugh at 335-560-1241.

Chicago

The Aviano Community Theater presents a musical revue of "Chicago" 7 p.m. today through Sunday in the Aviano Community Center ballroom. Admission is \$5.

Book drive

The NCO Association sponsors an educational book drive today and Saturday at the Aviano Base Exchange to support Bosnian children.

Mosaic class

The Aviano Arts and Crafts Center offers a mosaic class for kids ages 6 to 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Tuesday. The cost is \$50. Call Ext. 5022 to sign up.

Tutoring

A summer tutoring program is available 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in

the Aviano Middle and High School counseling office, starting Thursday. Call 0434-670-004 or e-mail keysew1@earthlink.net for more information.

Promotion ceremony

A 31st Fighter Wing enlisted promotion ceremony takes place 9 a.m. Thursday in Hangar One in the Flightline Area. The uniform of the day is BDUs with sleeves rolled down. Promotees must report no later than 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Ext. 7099.

Mini Mall

The Army Air Force Exchange Service Mini Mall in Area One celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony 8:45 a.m. Thursday. All are welcome to participate.

Moped law

As of Thursday, all moped operators must have a moped license both on and off base. Individuals must possess a valid U.S. driver's license with motorcycle endorsement and attend a class or face a fine of 512 Euro.

Retirement ceremony

All are invited to a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Peter Fodor 10 a.m. Wednesday in Det 3, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group (Air Mobility Command Terminal).

Office closure

The Aviano Housing Management Office, including Furniture Management Office closes July 5 for Independence Day.

Sponsor training

A sponsor training class assists sponsors in helping newcomers start their new assignment off right 1 to 2 p.m. July 7 at the Aviano Family Support Center. The FSC can bring this training to individual units. Call Ext. 5407 for more information or to sign up.

Spouse's Benvenuti

Family members are invited to Spouse's Benvenuti 8:30 a.m. to noon July 5 to 7 at the Aviano Family Support Center. The class is geared toward those who wish to learn about Italy in a relaxed setting while meeting others. Call Ext. 5407 for more information.

Parenting

Wesley and Sandi Black present a seminar on parenting teenagers 10 a.m. July 10 at the Aviano Baptist Church. Call 0434-651-910 to sign up.

Early separation

Airmen are invited to a Palace Front briefing 2 p.m. the second Monday of every month in the 31st Mission Support Group conference room, Flightline Area Bldg. 1403. The next meeting is July 12. Call Ext. 4919 for information.

Palace Chase

Aviano Airmen can attend a Palace Chase briefing 3 p.m. July 12, following the Palace Front briefing. For reservations and more information, call Ext. 4919.

Breastfeeding support

La Leche League of Aviano welcomes pregnant and breastfeeding women to their next meeting 10 a.m. June 12 in the Aviano Chapel Education Center. LLL provides information

and support on all aspects of breastfeeding. For more information, call 0434-755-606 or e-mail LLLAviano@yahoo.com.

Change of command

Col. Diane Ritter relinquishes command of the 31st Aerospace Medicine Squadron to Lt. Col. Gordon Peters 3:30 p.m. July 19 in Hangar One. All are welcome to attend.

Presidential TDY

The Air Force offers a unit-funded TDY to Washington D.C. Jan. 15 to 24 to support the Presidential Inauguration. Applications must be signed by unit commanders and faxed by orderly rooms no later than July 12. Visit a unit orderly room for more information.

Give Parents a Break

The Give Parents a Break program operates 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Child Development Center. Call Ext. 8246 for more information.

Customers

31st Logistical Readiness Squadron supply customer services has a home page on the Aviano Intranet where you can visit <http://avo-intranet/units/311g/supplyOneStopHome.htm> for more information.

Handbook

The 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron offers a handbook to answer questions, explain codes and more. Visit customer service in Flightline Area Bldg. 10295 for more information.

Talent competition

Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, hosts the "Making the Act" talent competition. The contest is open to all U.S. identification card holders and local national civilians. Call Jake Jacobs, entertainment director of Spangdahlem AB at 49 (0) 6565-61-7381 for more information.

Driving

Use caution when driving past soldiers running in formation. The speed limit for passing formations is 10 miles per hour.

Reel Times

Today - 5 p.m. "Home on the Range"

Rated PG - Farm animals band together to save the farm. Starring: Roseanne Barr and Cuba Gooding Jr.

8 p.m. - "Van Helsing" Rated PG - 13

Van Helsing is on a battle to rid the world of vampires and other ghoulies. Starring: Hugh Jackman and Will Kemp.

Saturday - 2 p.m. - "Home on the Range"

7 p.m. - "The Whole Ten Yards" Rated PG - 13 - A retired hitman helps save his old next-door neighbor's wife from the Hungarian mob. Starring: Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry

Sunday - 7 p.m. "Van Helsing"

Wednesday - 7 p.m. "The Whole Ten Yards"

Thursday - 7 p.m. "The Alamo" Rated PG - 13 - In the spring of 1836, 200 Texans held the fort for 13 days under siege by General Santa Anna. Starring: Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton

July 2 - 5 p.m. "Walking Tall" Rated PG - 13 - Chris finds his high school rival, Jay, has infested his hometown with drugs and crime. Starring: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Johnny Knoxville

8 p.m. - "Troy" Rated R - Agamemnon unites the populations of Greece to bring Helen back from Troy. Starring: Brad Pitt and Eric Bana

Air Force selects Aviano Airmen for promotion

Congratulations to the following Aviano staff and technical sergeants for their recent selection for promotion.

Technical sergeant

Joseph Adams - 31st Mission Support Squadron
Teena Keevil-Wilson - 31st MSS
Rosalyn Anderson - 31st Fighter Wing
Michael McGeever - 31st FW
Donald Rozman - 31st FW
Hope Sims - 31st FW
Shellie Cohick - 16th Air Force
Charles Arnett - 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Michael Bartz - 31st AMXS
Alexis Bull - 31st AMXS
Mike Copen - 31st AMXS
Patrick Kelley - 31st AMXS
Todd Koons - 31st AMXS
Phillip Ledbetter - 31st AMXS
John Nichols - 31st AMXS
Anthony Pallotto - 31st AMXS
Gary Strohbeen - 31st AMXS
Michael Connors - 31st Munitions Squadron
Bobby George - 31st MUNS
Ryan Howe - 31st MUNS
Robert Maack - 31st MUNS
David Meeks - 31st MUNS
Aron Tidwell - 31st MUNS
Allen Curchill - 31st Communications Squadron
Michael Clinton - 31st CS
Robert Failing - 31st CS
Aldomar Genao - 31st CS
Fernando Magri - 31st CS
Arthur McDowell - 31st CS
Jeremy Nylander - 31st CS
Heaky Suarez - 31st CS
Todd Triplett - 31st CS
Ketah Watson - 31st CS
Jodi Williams - 31st CS
Chad Carver - 831st Munitions Support Squadron
Jannell Pistone - 31st MUNSS
James True - 31st MUNSS
Mark Williams - 31st MUNSS
Jared Bonnell - 31st Maintenance Support Group
Travis Gidner - 31st MXG
Michael Marriott - 31st MXG
Michael Reyes - 31st MXG
Joseph Jones - 31st Services Squadron
Rose Marlatt - 31st SVS
Lisa Tate-Jones - 31st SVS
Corey Bowen - 31st Operations Support Squadron
Tara Burkhardt - 31st OSS
Roy Meffley - 31st OSS
Dionne Tirschel - 31st OSS
Donald Thorndyke - 31st Contracting Squadron
Todd Werther - 31st CONS
Richard Woodward - 31st CONS

Joseph Crossan - 31st Maintenance Operations Squadron
Thomas Greer - 31st MOS
Joseph Rohde - 31st MOS
Michelle West - 31st MOS
James Young - 31st Comptrollers Squadron
Genesis Angulo - 16th Air Force
Ian Davis - 31st Maintenance Squadron
Shane Faulkwell - 31st MXS
Kevin Goulet - 31st MXS
Jeanne Johnson - 31st MXS
Bernard Kiernan - 31st MXS
Michael Knight - 31st MXS
Charles Lewis - 31st MXS
Eric Lightner - 31st MXS
John Loper - 31st MXS
Marshall Perkins - 31st MXS
Trent Perry - 31st MXS
Elting Russell - 31st MXS
Larry Vasquez - 31st MXS
Francisco Deguzman - 510th Fighter Squadron
Daniel Crossdale - 603rd Air Control Squadron
Lanecia Hoover - 603rd ACS
Abdalia Smith - 603rd ACS
Jemmy Bermudez - 496th Air Base Squadron
Todd Black - 496th ABS
Jean Brooks - 496th ABS
Michael Ford - 496th ABS
Amy Paskoff - 496th ABS
David Smith - 496th ABS
Dustin Watson - 496th ABS
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Erika Haskins - 31st MDSS
Bonnie Janas - 31st MDSS
Robert Janas - 31st MDSS
Darlene Santana - 31st MDSS
Eduardo Vera - 31st MDSS
Bradley Strable - 31st Medical Operations Squadron
Carl Alexander - 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron
Brandon Blake - 31st LRS
John Brisk - 31st LRS
Roberto Colon - 31st LRS
Charles Darvoe - 31st LRS
Timothy Hinkel - 31st LRS
Mauli Martine - 31st LRS
Tonya Molden - 31st LRS
Robert Woods - 31st LRS
Jason Jones - 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Jason Bunning - 31st Civil Engineer Squadron
Brian Cook - 31st CES
Derrick Dembowski - 31st CES
Joshua Gidcumb - 31st CES

James Hathaway - 31st CES
Christopher Mandell - 31st CES
Connie McCurdy - 31st CES
Chad Moore - 31st CES
Benjamin Schaub - 31st CES
Richard Snell - 31st CES
Kevin Walker - 31st CES
Phillip Winklemann - 31st CES
Theodore Abegg - 31st Security Forces Squadron
Alexander Angulo - 31st SFS
William Duft - 31st SFS
Jamie Eichhorn - 31st SFS
Michael Grey - 31st SFS
Steven Hasselstrom - 31st SFS
Daniel McClay - 31st SFS
Robert Misiti - 31st SFS
Angela Palazzo - 31st SFS
David Squires - 31st SFS
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James Conkle - 725th Air Mobility Squadron
Robert McClean - 725th AMS
Rodriquez Melendez - 725th AMS
Daniel Mullenix - 725th AMS
Juan Pena - 725th AMS
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Harold Pettigrew - 725th AMS
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James Harker - AFN Aviano
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William Hilton - 31st AMXS
Elliott McCannick - 31st AMXS
John Wooden - 31st AMXS
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Frank Lewis - 31st CS
Paul Maple - 31st CS

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Charles Morgan - 31st CS
John Price - 31st CS
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Senior Airman Priscilla Robinson

Working girls - (L to R) Priscilla Perez and Cynthia Beltran fill out certificates recognizing volunteers from earlier in the year at the Red Cross office here Tuesday. The young ladies are Red Cross volunteers themselves.

Because Aviano Matters Young adults can help community through summer volunteer program

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs
staffwriter

Though there's no summer hire program for Aviano's youth, they needn't worry; they have a volunteer program, Because Aviano Matters.

"The program gives the kids something to do during the summer and helps them build valuable job skills for the future," said Vicki Jo Ryder, career focus and volunteer resource manager here.

BAM does more than give youth something to do and teach them life skills - it gives them a taste of being in a workplace, she said.

The hands-on experience gives youth volunteers an idea of what adults do every day, said Cassandra Wyatt, American Red Cross station manager.

"The children develop new skills and talents," said Mrs. Wyatt. "They learn good communication skills and how to

work with adults."

Young adults involved in the program are sent to base organizations to give their time.

"Most of the work we have lined up is office work," said Mrs. Ryder. "We want our volunteers to learn things that will be useful to them in life."

Volunteers for BAM are registered through the American Red Cross, which offers an orientation program.

"It teaches all about proper workplace etiquette and a lot of other things to help our youth in the real world," said Mrs. Ryder. BAM accepts volunteers of all ages but its primary focus is on ninth through 12th graders and recent graduates.

"There are a couple of spots with the Red Cross that middle school students can fill," said Mrs. Ryder.

To get involved in the program, call Mrs. Ryder at Ext. 5658, Mrs. Wyatt or Libby Avery, ARC field office assistant, at Ext. 5576, or Kristy Lanham from the Aviano Teen Center at Ext. 5994.

7 Tips for young volunteers

Choose a job that interests you

What do you like to do? What do you want to major in during college? Think about these things when trying to decide what you can do to volunteer.

Be realistic about your time

Figure out how much time you can spend a day, a week and a month volunteering. Don't push yourself so much that you wear yourself out.

Consider transportation

If you aren't able to drive or you don't have a car, this is important to think about before becoming a volunteer. Talk to parents, siblings or friends to work out a solution and schedule to cover your transportation needs.

Explore your options

Check out as many options as possible before committing to one organization.

Call some organizations

If you aren't sure how to get involved, call around. The more places you call, the more opportunities you'll find. See what agencies have to offer and make sure to check age limits.

Check things out first

By checking things out first, you learn what is expected of you as a volunteer. Some places just need paperwork help but others may need volunteers to take care of young children or lift heavy equipment.

Make a decision and commit

Once you've learned all you can about the volunteer opportunities available, pick an agency and commit. Once a volunteer, you're a part of the organization's team and they count on you. Be responsible, make a schedule and stick to it and most of all, have fun. (*Information from www.volunteermemphis.com*)

Help Wanted

The following organizations need volunteers this summer.

Aviano Thrift Shop

The Aviano Thrift Shop needs volunteers to help sort merchandise, assist customers and help with the

consignment program. Call Ext. 5428 for more information.

Aviano Dental Clinic

The Aviano Dental Clinic needs a receptionist. Call Ext. 5658 for more information.

Aviano Youth Programs

The 31st Services Squadron

needs several volunteers for Aviano Youth Programs. Call Ext. 5658 for more information.

31st Logistics Readiness Squadron

The 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron need a mobility readiness spare package assistant, a vehicle dispatch and office administrator and an equipment

support clerk. Call Ext. 5658 for information.

31st Contracting Squadron

The 31st Contracting Squadron needs a volunteer to do paperwork and welcome customers. Volunteers can call Ext. 5658 for information.

Briefs

Practical tips

People who want to visit some local villas or take a weekend trip can attend the Practical Tips for Weekend Trips class 4:30 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Aviano Family Support Center. Call Ext. 5407 for more information.

Vacation location

Aviano travelers can make an appointment with an Information, Tickets and Travel representative to design their next vacation. Call Ext. 5072 for more information.

Bags and books

The Aviano Thrift Shop has lots of bags, suitcases and travel books for sale. All books are currently 10 cents each. Shoppers and travelers can visit the shop 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays in Area Two Bldg. 224.

Traveling Web site

Aviano members making travel plans in Europe should visit <http://travel.state.gov> to get the latest travel advisories in Europe. Maintained by the U.S. Department of State, the Web site offers a list of places suspected of anti-American activity, as well as other information for travelers. Call the 31st Fighter Wing Manpower Office at Ext. 7308 with questions about the site or other antiterrorism force protection measures.



Courtesy photo

Even the smallest beachgoer will enjoy Bibione's expansive beaches. Just be sure to get there before August, when many Europeans take their vacation there.

Aviano Day Trips: Part 2

Bibione: Home to "measureless beaches"

It is considered maybe the "best" beach of the Northern Adriatic sea: fine sand that stretches for 8 kilometers and is 200 to 450 meters from the waters edge.

The main part of Bibione has a long boardwalk and some nice playgrounds for kids. Recently, a new spa was built with thermal waters gushing out at the temperature of 52 degrees Celsius. The spa is opened all year long. Visit www.bibioneterme.com to learn more.

Generally, Bibione is considered a beach for families, since it is quiet and relaxing, and does not offer as many discos as Lignano. Visitors can learn more at www.bibione.com

Since Bibione is less flashy than other nearby beaches, travelers can take a brief stop in Sesto al Reghena. Drivers can reach the little town by exiting the Autostrada A28

in Sesto al Reghena near Portogruaro and follow directions for Sesto al Reghena, home to a beautiful millenary abbey. The abbey was founded in 762 by Benedictine monks after the land was donated by the longobards and slowly acquired strong administrative and political weight for all the surrounding areas in the Middle Ages. After the Serenissima reached the area, access to the abbey was denied. It was used again for religious gatherings only in 1921.

To be able to visit the abbey, remember you must wear a shirt with sleeves and knee-length shorts. **Next week: Caorle** (31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs and Monica Delrizzo)

How to get there

From Pordenone, take A28 to Portogruaro. Then, follow the signs to Bibione, which will take you close to the mall and past the downtown area. Bibione is connected to Lignano by an overpass at the entrance of the town, next to the Zoo Park.

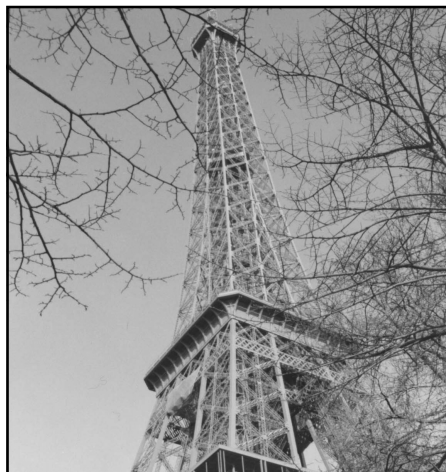
Pop quiz - What's the largest city in Europe? Be the fifth person to send the correct answer to vigileer@aviano.af.mil with the subject Pop Quiz.

ITT: Information, Tickets and Travel

Upcoming tours from the Information, Tickets and Travel office include:

- French Riviera - today and Saturday
- Salzburg and Eagle's Nest - Saturday
- Bologna market and Ikea shopping - Saturday
- Garda Auto Safari Zoo - Tuesday
- Paris and Disneyland - July 2 to 5
- Switzerland and chocolate shopping - July 3
- Guided Florence - July 4

For more information about ITT tours, call Ext. 5072 or 5026.



Courtesy photo

Paris, France, is considered one of the most romantic cities in the world.

Friuli Region Information

Aviano members can learn more about the local Friuli Region at an information stand here July 3 and 4.

A tent will be set up 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. during the Independence Day celebrations in Freedom Park. Wine and cheese will be available for tasting while those a little braver can try wall climbing.

Five regional tourist boards will be represented including Promotur (which is responsible for the 50 ski lifts between Piancavallo and Tarvisio), Parco Naturale Regionale delle Dolomiti Friulane (which promotes the local mountains) and the Pordenone Chamber of Commerce. (Information provided by Emanuele Vrech, 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs intern)

Sports Briefs

Lessons

The Alpine Golf Course offers private lessons until Wednesday. Call Ext. 7386 to learn more.

Stars and Strikes

The Aviano Bowling Center offers the "Bowl for the Stars and Strikes" bowling promotion through August 31. Visit the Aviano Bowling Center for more information, or call Ext. 7487.

Swim Passes

Outdoor Recreation offers swim passes. For prices, call Ext. 8623 or visit www.31svs-aviano.com. Click on Base Pool.

Rugby

Aviano community members interested in playing rugby can call Kenny Go at Ext. 4041 or send an e-mail to kenneth.go@aviano.af.mil.



Senior Airman Priscilla Robinson

Fit to Fight

Staff Sgt. Bobby Runsley holds a punching bag steady as fellow Senior Airman Greg Frizalone takes a hit. The two 31st Maintenance Squadron Airmen are using a new 24-hour gym created by the squadron out of an old Army barracks for all Airmen to use no matter their work schedule. The 31st MXS has the largest physical training program at Aviano running more than 50 PT sessions a week.

Get the recognition - Send information about your sports team, clubs, games and championships to vigileer@aviano.af.mil.

Air Force utility uniform feedback survey: PT gear coming

by Master Sgt.
Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year, and a Web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform will be online Wednesday.

Feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent so far, but an Internet survey will give all Airmen a chance to voice their opinion, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board in Washington D.C.

Sergeant Dean said people who have worn or actually seen the uniform have given high marks for its permanent press feature and how well it fits. The uniform's color scheme, initially met with skepticism, is more accepted now.

"Color continues to be a big concern of Airmen," she said.

Sergeant Dean said Air Force military clothing sales stores will begin displaying

the utility uniforms in July, around the same date the new Internet survey goes online.

"We're encouraging people to not give us their feedback until they've had the opportunity to see the uniform," Sergeant Dean said. "Go ahead and look at the pictures, but don't answer the survey until (you've) seen the uniform up close."

"If I could (preserve) one statement, it's 'Oh, it looks so much better in person,'" she said.

Besides color and style, Airmen will notice the new uniform features an eight-point hat, no squadron or major command patches and no-shine suede boots.

If approved, the utility uniform will likely have a five-year phase-in period, Sergeant Dean said. The new PT uniform, however, has already

been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and will soon be in active service.

The running suit costs about \$100, and the shorts and shirt \$25. Officials have not yet determined if Airmen will receive a lump sum allotment in October, an increase in their annual clothing allowance, or a voucher to pay for the initial requirement.

"We did a wear and fit test from January through March," Sergeant Dean said. "We took all the feedback, and we now have established military specifications. They've gone out to manufacturers and should be in full production by the end of June."

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark

blue running suit — all with reflective safety markings.

Sergeant Dean said the goal was to have enough PT uniforms by Oct. 1 to supply Airmen scheduled for immediate deployment.

After that requirement is met, the uniforms will be available for purchase

through Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The PT uniform will have a two- to three-year phase-in period. Sergeant Dean said the running suit costs about \$100, and the shorts and shirt about \$25.

Officials have not yet determined if Airmen will receive a lump sum allotment in October, an increase in their annual clothing allowance or a voucher to pay for the initial requirement.

Although personal preference is the rule for PT shoes, Sergeant Dean said they must be conservative in design and color.

Saluting will not be required while wearing the PT uniform, and jewelry wear will be the same as with other uniforms, so long as safety is taken into consideration.

Only active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will be authorized to purchase the PT uniforms from AAFES until adequate supplies are available.

Force protection is everyone's responsibility

From the youngest child to the most veteran servicemember, everyone must do their part to keep Aviano safe.

By **Thomas Hammett**

31st Security Forces Squadron

Terrorism is not a new phenomenon, even to U.S. military stationed at Aviano Air Base.

American servicemen in Italy were victims of terrorist actions in 2000, when a parcel bomb exploded at the Aviano base post office, and in 2003 when several AFI-plated cars were firebombed.

None of these incidents, incidentally, were perpetrated by Al-Qaeda operatives.

Sept. 11, 2001, made Americans more aware of the threat to U.S. personnel and interests posed by international terrorism, but the actual threat existed long before. Neither has the threat diminished since 9-11, but we are in a much better position now to anticipate the effects of a terrorist attack and to prepare beforehand.

The Air Force has a well-defined force protection system in place to protect U.S. facilities, personnel and their families. This system "is a collection of activities that prevents or mitigates successful hostile actions against Air Force people and resources when they are not directly engaged with the enemy," according to an Air Force instruction. The key points in this system are deterrence, detection, and mitigation. Everyone has a part in all of these.

Deterrence is the quality that makes a terrorist decide that you are "too tough a nut to crack." We do this on base by maintaining a strong perimeter, and placing barriers in key locations.

We maintain vigilance at our gates and around the installation with sentries from the Italian Air Force, Army National Guard, and Air Force security forces. We also extend our cordon of vigilance through coordination with the Carabinieri, Italian Army, and local law enforcement. These multiple layers of defense

make an attack on Aviano more difficult.

Off base, every member of the Aviano family can promote deterrence. Making your home blend into the Italian community, displaying European plates on your car, varying your routines, changing your uniform before conducting activities off base, and practicing good crime prevention measures are things you can do to make yourself a hard target.

Call in any suspicious people or activity to Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 0434-66-7642 or the Law Enforcement Desk at 0434-66-7200.

In detection, we try to learn about terrorist attacks before they happen. We rely heavily upon information from the Italian authorities. Aviano people live in more than 30 towns within a 20 kilometer radius from the base. Even if you are new to the area, by watching your Italian neighbors and developing friendships with them, you can quickly learn what is

normal and what is not.

Mitigation is the process of recognizing vulnerability and taking actions to minimize the effects of an attack. On base, we do this by installing blast curtains in high value facilities or by placing barriers in front of buildings to increase the standoff distance of a potential bomb attack.

You can mitigate the effects of an attack at your home or while you are driving by being aware of your surroundings, knowing where to seek refuge if needed, and periodically reviewing the steps you would take in the unlikely event you become the victim of an attack. You should also review these steps with your family members (the same way you do when planning fire drills) and make sure you keep a list of emergency numbers close to your phone. It is also a good idea to program those emergency numbers into your cell phone, too.

There are many other things you can do to make yourself a hard target. A good place to start is your unit anti-terrorism officer, who can help evaluate your home and activities. Terrorists may be around looking for someone to attack – but it doesn't have to be you.

Kudos: Recognizing those who serve

Congratulations to **Emily Leshner** for being named 2004's Youth of the Year for Aviano. Emily won a \$1,000 scholarship and represented the base in Washington D.C. at the Air Force Youth of the Year ceremony Wednesday.

Congratulations to the following Aviano Elementary School students for their end-of-year Presidential Award for Academic Excellence: **Perry Adams, Evan Ankersen, Amanda Brandimore, Zack Brown, Laura Bryson, Gabriela Colon, Stephen Crawley, Kim Fernandez, Nicole Fisher, Nicole Geer, Joseph Gould, Sam Hillestad, Julianna Holloway, Kayla Holloway, Nathan Howell, Andi Hunt, Adam Jaeger, Ariel Lombardo, Ethan Mangosing, Annelise Mantz, Darrah McIntire, Ryan Mehaffey, Erika Meitzner, Eric Milliner, Matthew Newland, Alex Rogers-Baum, Kayleigh Schreyer, Tyler Swenson, Christian Tanner, Olivia Welker, Jordan Weum, Amanda Williams, Briahna Workman.** Also, congratulations to the following Aviano Elementary School students for their end-of-year Presidential Award for Academic Achievement: **Alec Herrera, Jacob Marler, Andrew Rak, Brian Scannon and Taelor Wine.**



Cornerstone

An indispensable and fundamental basis

The **Cornerstone Page** is devoted to those who support: junior enlisted, NCOs, CGOs and spouses. It's to share advice, ideas and opinions dealing with life in the Air Force and Aviano. It's also a forum to recognize those around us. The **Cornerstone Page** will also offer Air Force trivia and facts.

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